

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our trees, forests and forest influences are essential to the livelihood, well-being and recreation of the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, our trees protect valuable watersheds, provide wild-life habitat, provide sources of raw material for timber industries, serve to temper the winds for erosion control, and enhance the general beauty of the state; and

WHEREAS, our trees and forests are one of our few renewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is most desirable that schools, civic organizations, farmers, newspapers, youth groups, young and old alike, participate in programs and ceremonies which emphasize the need for planting and care of trees:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 1968, as--

ARBOR DAY

and respectfully urge that appropriate exercises be held in the public schools, and that the newspapers of the state lend their assistance; that civic, church, farm and youth organizations unite in directing the attention of the people to the need and importance of conserving and increasing this vital natural resource. Let Arbor Day be a tree planting day and a day in which we commemorate the future instead of the past. I earnestly request that the day be observed in a loyal and public spirited manner by all our people, and that Arbor Day become a symbol of our faith in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 22nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-eight.

*Nils A. Boe*  
NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*  
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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